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REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 9-21, 23-31, and 34-47 are pending in the present Application. Claims 1, 8, 12-14, 22, 27, 32, 33, 36, 40-41, and 46-47 have been cancelled, Claims 2-4, 6, 9-11, 15, 19, 34, 37-39, and 42-44 have been amended, and Claims 48-50 have been added, leaving Claims 2-7, 9-11, 15-21, 23-26, 28-31, 34, 35, 37-39, 42-45, and 48-50 for consideration upon entry of the present Amendment.

Claims 2-4, 6, 9-11, 15, 34, 37, 38, 39, and 42-44 have been amended merely to change the dependency of the claims.

Support for the amendment to Claim 19 can at least be found in allowable Claim 14, which has already been considered by the Examiner.

New Claim 48 is allowable Claim 14 rewritten as an independent claim.

New Claim 49 is allowable Claim 46 rewritten as an independent claim.

New Claim 50 is allowable Claim 47 rewritten as an independent claim.

Applicants respectfully request that these amendments be entered because they 1) do not raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search or raise issue of new matter since they were considered in the prior version of claims; 2) because only three new claims have been presented (merely independent forms of prior dependent claims) and more than three claims have been cancelled; and 3) because the amendments place the claims in a better condition for allowance.

The Specification has been amended to correct a certain typographical error, as explained in detail below. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Specification

The paragraph on page 14 that begins at line 17 and ends at line 25 has been amended to correct a typographical error. More particularly, the language "up to" has been removed from the phrase "up to temperatures exceeding about 900°C" for clarity. Support for this amendment can at least be found at page 14, lines 1-4. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter this amendment.

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Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 36-43 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,662,869 to Abe et al. in view of U.S. Patent Application No. 2002/0132724 to Labarge et al.

This rejection is moot. More particularly, Claims 36 and 40-41 have been cancelled. Claims 37-39 and 42-43 have been amended to dependent upon allowable independent Claim 49. As such, Claims 37-39 and 42-43 are allowable.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-7, 9-13, 15-21, 23-31, and 44-45 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as allegedly unpatentable over EP 0 848 984 A1 to Mizuno.

With regard to Claim 1, this rejection is moot. Claims 1, 12-13, and 27 have been cancelled. Claims 2-7, 9-11, 15-18, and 44-45 all depend upon allowable Claim 48. As such, these claims are allowable.

With regard to Claim 19, this rejection is also moot, since this claim has been amended to further comprise limitations found allowable in Claim 14. Since none of the art made of record, either alone or in combination, teach or suggest: a method for making a catalyzed adsorber system for treating exhaust gas, comprising providing a substrate; disposing a zeolite underlayer over the substrate, the zeolite is a faujasite having a Si/Al ratio of about 3.0 to about 10; and disposing a catalyst overlayer over the underlayer, wherein the overlayer is zeolite free, wherein an overlayer non-catalyst loading is less than about 1.0 g/in³, and wherein an overlayer catalyst loading is about 0.1 to about 0.5 g/in³, Applicants' independent Claim 19 is allowable. Moreover, as dependent claims from an allowable independent claim, Claims 20-21, 23-26, and 28-31 are, by definition, also allowable.

It is noted that the Office Action states: "the reference does disclose that USY and beta zeolite are functionally equivalent." (Final Rejection, page 6) Applicants respectfully disagree that the reference teaches that USY and beta zeolite are functionally equivalent. However, since the rejection is moot, Applicants will not address the issue further at this time.

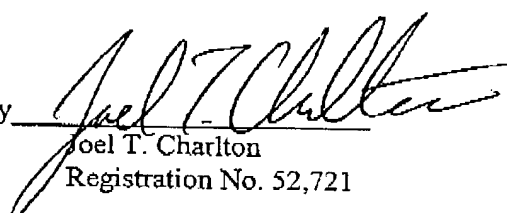
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It is believed that the foregoing amendments and remarks fully comply with the Office Action and that the claims herein should now be allowable to Applicants. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance is requested.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

Respectfully submitted,

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